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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Tetsuya KAWAGISHI ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 3737

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

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**ATTN: OFFICE OF PETITIONS
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SIR:

This is a petition to withdraw the above-identified application from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) so that the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith may be considered upon granting of this petition and the enclosed papers requesting the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) the required fee for filing this 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) petition is included herewith.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the petition be granted and that this above-identified application be withdrawn from issue and returned to the Examiner for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement and references cited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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